

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday June 13, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner

Commissioner Robert H. Raney left his proxies with Commissioner Jergeson. Commissioner Thomas Schneider was absent.

#### APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(116) In the matter of Qwest Corporation - N2006.5.73 - on May 22, 2006 Qwest Corporation filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The MSA is the result of negotiations between Home Depot and Qwest for the purchase of Analog PBX service and Direct Inward Dialing (DID) service for the Qwest 14 state incumbent territory, including Montana. The services purchased by Home Depot are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Master Service Agreement between Qwest and Home Depot in Docket N2006.5.73. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

(117) In the matter of Qwest Services Corporation N2006.5.74, and N2006.5.75 - on May 24, 2006 Qwest filed two Petitions for Waiver of Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold requirements, as set forth in the FCC's Number Resource Optimization Orders (FCD 00-429 and FCC 01-362).

Glacier Bank Corp. recently acquired addition branch offices in Missoula and Billings and requested additional Direct Inward Dial (DID) numbers from Qwest. Specifically, Glacier Bank requested 200 sequential numbers in Billings and 100 sequential numbers in Missoula. While Qwest has sufficient number resources available in both Billings and Missoula to meet most demands, it does not currently have the sequential number blocks to meet the customer request. Therefore, per FCC procedures, Qwest submitted a request for the number resources to the NEUSTAR Numbering Pooling Administrator. Under the FCC requirements Qwest needed to show it was utilizing at least 75% of its number resources in Billings and in Missoula and that it would exhaust the remaining resources within 6 months. Qwest meets or slightly exceeds the utilization threshold of 75% in Billings and Missoula. However, it does not meet the Months to Exhaust 6 month criteria in either location. Qwest was denied the request for additional numbering resources in Billings and Missoula. Therefore, under this normal numbering

assignment process, Qwest would not be able to fulfill the numbering requests of Glacier Bank Corp.

Per the FCC "safety valve" process, Qwest has filed petitions asking this Commission to approve Months to Exhaust/Utilization Requirement waivers for Glacier Bank in Billings and Missoula and to direct the Pooling Administrator to assign the additional numbers. Per prior Commission Staff agreement with Qwest when making safety valve filings, Qwest is required to provide certain additional information. Qwest did provide this information.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Qwest petitions for waivers of months to exhaust/utilization threshold requirements in dockets N2006.5.74 and N2006.5.75 and direct NEUSTAR, the number pooling administrator, to assign to Qwest one new thousands block of numbers in Qwest's Billings rate center and one new thousand block of numbers in the Missoula rate center. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

#### APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(118) In the matter of Sprint Communications - N2006.5.78 - on May 25, 2006 Sprint filed for changes in its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1. In this filing Sprint is proposing to update and clarify the terms and conditions for prepaid phone card service, restructure the rate section for prepaid phone cards, and introduce several new prepaid phone cards.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve Sprint's changes in the Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1 in Docket N2006.5.78. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

(119) In the matter of Citizens Telecommunications - N2006.5.79 - on May 25, 2006 Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-06-05, Frontier Small Business Advantage new service. In this filing Citizens is proposing to offer business customers a variety of bundled packages to choose from. The Frontier Small Business Advantage package will be offered on a contractual basis over a two-year term. The customer may within 30 days of activating the service cancel their contract without incurring an early termination liability charge if they are not satisfied with the service. Citizens is requesting this filing become effective on July 10, 2006.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve Citizen's Advice Letter No. MT-06-05 in Docket N2006.5.79. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

#### APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Utility Division

(120) In the matter of the Commission Minutes for the week of June 5, 2006:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of June 5, 2006. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

(121) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy 2006 general rate

case filing:

Commissioner Molnar moved to grant NWE's request to bifurcate the 2006 rate case filing into two phases, a revenue requirement phase to be filed by 9/30/06 and an allocated cost of service/rate design phase to be filed by 3/31/07. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Schneider voted no. Commissioner Schneider gave his written vote to the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(122) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N2006.5.69 - Electric City Power, Inc. - application for license to supply electricity:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to grant the license in Docket N2006.5.69. Commissioner Mood seconded the vote, which passed 5 to 0. Commissioner Schneider gave his written vote to the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(123) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2005.12.177 - Energy West Montana - gas USB review:

Commissioner Molnar moved to grant the MCC motion for temporary suspension in Docket D2005.12.177. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 0. Commissioner Schneider gave his written vote to the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Utility Division

(124) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of state staff travel for Candace Beery:

Commissioner Mood move to approve Candace Beery's out of state travel requests to (1) MISO Ancillary Service Market task for meeting - June 28 to 29; and (2) OMS meeting related the ancillary services market July 18 to 20. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

---

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

---

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

---

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

---

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

---

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Assistant Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday June 14, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman via telephone  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(125) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, D2005.6.103 - NorthWestern Energy - three consolidated qualifying facility avoided cost dockets - Intervenor CELP has filed a motion to compel NWE data responses. Given the time remaining before hearing is not extensive; staff has requested NWE respond to the CELP motion as soon as possible.

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant NWE's objection to CELP's motion to compel NWE data responses. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(126) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.2.21 - NorthWestern Energy 2006 initial, abbreviated natural gas procurement plan:

Commissioner Mood moved to adopt the final draft subject to the changes discussed and minor edits. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, Commissioner Schneider dissenting in part regarding financial hedging. He will be filing a separate statement.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

---

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

---

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

---

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

---

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

---

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Assistant Commission Secretary

(SEAL)